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DELAWARE TAX SEASON COMING TO A CLOSE **Tax Refund Update Hotline - (302) 577-8200**

Statewide, DE – July 26, 2007 – With less than 7,000 returns left to complete, the Delaware Division of Revenue is winding down another successful tax season.

The Division has received over 467,000 resident and non-resident returns, and issued more than 288,000 refunds to State of Delaware taxpayers this year. This represents a 3% increase over the number of returns processed by the Division in 2006.

Over 37,000 individuals also claimed Delaware's new Earned Income Tax Credit in 2006, which was the first year Delaware taxpayers were able to take advantage of the earned income tax credit on their state returns.

"We've definitely had an increase in our workload during the 2006 tax season," Division of Revenue Director, Patrick Carter, observes. "The number of people relocating or working in Delaware increases each year and the EITC program was new for us."

"We've also instituted internal controls to better ensure we're processing tax returns correctly. Sometimes these controls lengthen processing times," Carter says.

About 40% of all State of Delaware returns undergo a manual review because of missing schedules or filing errors, Carter says.

Despite this increased workload, the number of returns awaiting completion is 3,300 less this year than at the same time a year ago.

"That we've issued over 10,000 more refunds this year compared to last year is a testament to the dedication of our employees and the expanded electronic filing services we offer," Carter says.

"Now we just want to process all the remaining returns and get them on their way to the taxpayers as quickly as possible."

Delaware taxpayers who are awaiting a refund and are not already in contact with the Delaware Division of Revenue are asked to call (302) 577-8200 to help expedite the issuance of their tax refund.

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